

beginning, WAY-FM Media Group's sole purpose was to oversee the formation and operation of WAYJ, a non-commercial radio station in Fort Myers, Florida. The Board of Directors possessed a strong desire to establish a positive Christian radio alternative for the area youth and young adults. The impact of the new format was profound and immediate, resulting in tremendous growth.

In the early 1990's, Bob Augsburg visited Nashville to garner and gauge support for a WAY-FM station in Nashville. Finding a foundation of support, Augsburg formulated a team and as a result, WAYM Nashville officially signed on the air on March 11, 1992 from studios in Franklin.

The expansion of the ministry into Middle Tennessee and Northern Alabama enabled WAY-FM to broaden its mission of using radio to encourage youth and young adults in their Christian walk and to challenge them to make a difference in the world. Providing music as well as inspirational content, the station regularly opens its doors to area church youth groups allowing them to play guest deejay for a night. It also offers call-in programming for teens in crisis, numerous outreach programs and missions trips.

Community involvement is not only a priority, to the ministry of 88.7 WAY-FM, it is a core value. WAY-FM has sponsored many community events over the past ten years including record breaking food, blood, and winter clothing drives; collecting cell phones for S.A.V.E. (Survivors Against Violent Environments); promoting and sponsoring numerous concert events and free Brown Bag concerts; making van appearances at countless community events; providing mission trip opportunities for listeners; and most recently collecting several thousand Valentine's Day cards for the children at Madison Children's Home. All of these activities are in addition to the on air presence of sharing God's love and power through music, interviews and daily scripture readings. WAY-FM believes in the work of local churches and supports their efforts through free Public Service Announcements.

In the spring of 1998, WAY-FM began a fund drive to build a new facility to an outpouring of assistance from the community. This Brentwood location was completed in October 1999 with a move in to a virtually debt free facility due in part to the tremendous support of listeners and area businesses.

WAY-FM has achieved success throughout Tennessee winning local awards for its quality programming, as well as awards from national organizations such as the Gospel Music Association (GMA) for Station of the Year honors. Its signal is now broadcast across the Southeastern United States and on satellite via Sky Angel, with expansion to the Western United States expected in the near future.

May WAY-FM continue to grow and prosper as it changes lives through the ministry of music in the years to come.

HONORING THE INAUGURATION OF BISHOP JERRY WAYNE MACKLIN TO THE EPISCOPAL OFFICE OF JURISDICTIONAL BISHOP OF THE NORCAL METROPOLITAN JURISDICTION OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 26, 2002*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the elevation of Bishop J.W. Macklin to the Episcopal Office of Jurisdictional Bishop of the NorCal Metropolitan Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ.

Bishop Macklin, a native of San Mateo, California, founded the Glad Tidings Church of God in Christ in 1978 in Hayward, California. The neighborhood of South Hayward, once riddled with crime, drug use and violence, was in need of someone to challenge the hearts of citizens and improve the community's conditions. Bishop Macklin was a perfect match. As a result of his role in preaching the gospel, creating an innovative ministry, and networking in the community, the neighborhood has undergone a dramatic transformation, and is known today as the Glad Tidings Community Campus.

Bishop Macklin also serves the Church of God in Christ as Chairman of the Auxiliaries in Ministry Convention in Memphis, Tennessee. In that position, he presides over the Church's Summer Convention, which draws more than 20,000 delegates. In the past, he has served as president of the International Sunday School Department, and as a member of the Publishing Board for the National Church of God in Christ.

A wide variety of groups have come forward to show their gratitude for Bishop Macklin's distinguished dedication to the ministry and his community. He has been the recipient of numerous citations, honors, special recognitions, and awards. These include the John Pappas Humanitarian Award, Bay Area's Most Influential Black Religious Leader, outstanding Leadership and Community Service from the City of Hayward, NAACP, Hayward Unified School District, Alameda County Board of Supervisors, California State Legislature, and the Congress of National Black Churches.

In addition to the many honors and awards Bishop Macklin has received, he also established Northern California's Community Development, a non-profit housing corporation for South Hayward revitalization, and the Institute for Success, Welfare to Work Program for Southern Alameda County. His continual involvement in these programs demonstrates his dedication to enhancing community life and helping to improve individual lives.

I am honored to join the colleagues of Bishop J.W. Macklin in commending him for his many years of dedicated and exemplary service to the Church of God in Christ. He has left his indelible mark of excellence on the South Hayward community.

HONORING DETECTIVE RAY KERN

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 26, 2002*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Detective Ray Kern on the occasion of his retirement from the Madera County Sheriff's Department. Detective Kern retired January 2, 2002, after 32½ years in law enforcement, 28 of those years with the Madera County Sheriff's Department.

Detective Ray Kern started his career in law enforcement with the Chowchilla Police Department in June of 1969. In December of 1973 he began working for the Madera County Sheriff's Department. After working in the jail for eighteen months, Ray Kern was transferred to the mountain division working patrol. In 1982, he was assigned to work in the Detective's Unit. The last several years of his career he also worked with the Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Detective Ray Kern for an exemplary career of service in law enforcement. I encourage my colleagues to join me in congratulating Detective Kern on his retirement and wishing him many more years of continued success.

HONORING POLICE CHIEF KENNETH CRUZ OF GUILFORD ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 26, 2002*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding member of the Guilford community and a dear friend, Kenneth Cruz, Chief of the Guilford Police Department on the occasion of his retirement. He has been an active member of the law enforcement community for over three decades and has served with the utmost dedication and integrity.

Recent times have brought a renewed public respect for our nation's law enforcement officials and the very real dangers they face. From the tragic events of Columbine to the devastating attacks of September 11, the skill, dedication and commitment of our law enforcement officials has been tested. From these tragedies lessons have been learned and higher expectations have been made for those who dedicate their lives to protecting our communities. In these times, we have looked to our police officers for guidance and reassurance.

Chief Cruz started his career with the New Haven Police Department in 1968 where he served for sixteen years. In that time, he achieved the rank of commander and left to accept an appointment as Chief of the Guilford Police Department where he spent the remainder of his career. He was elected President of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, a statewide organization that diligently promotes the needs of Connecticut's law enforcement community. During his tenure he worked with state and federal legislators to ensure that the voices of Connecticut's police officers were heard.